

Statement of Angela Astrachan
Appropriations Committee
February 23, 2017

My name is Angela Astrachan and I live in Plainville. I am writing this statement in lieu of attending because I have health issues which prevent me from traveling. I would like to let this committee know I was in desperate need of help and I had no where to turn to. I was faced with much difficulty. The buck kept being passed and I was able to be helped with a housing discrimination case by CT Legal Rights Project. I suffer from many health issues on top of being Bipolar. The paralegals and the attorney was able to get results. I was in mental anguish which affects all my health issues. There is a need for their housing help without them I would be lost. They were able to get the proper documents which I had been denied. I know without their help I would still be in anguish. When I was ignored for months, they were able to advocate for me. Their agency's paralegals and attorneys are serious about protecting our rights. Their request for a reasonable accommodation has since allowed me to be able to use my voucher in my current living situation. CLRP is an asset to have in the community. With their help we can work through problems and not work around them.

Thank you very much,
Angela Astrachan